



500.36 Escorts

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POLICY

Escorts will be conducted in a safe and prudent manner consistent with applicable laws.

PROCEDURE

A. Emergency Escorts

1. Emergency escorts are not provided for emergency vehicles or privately owned vehicles. A supervisor authorizes the escort of specialized equipment necessary to preserve life or property to the scene of an existing emergency.

B. Medical Emergencies

1. Rely on ambulances for transporting sick and injured persons whenever possible.
2. Transport of a sick or injured person is made in an agency vehicle only when it is determined to be an extreme emergency and only when the employee's immediate supervisor grants approval.

C. Non-Emergency Escorts

1. Escorts for visiting dignitaries or public officials are provided upon approval from the Chief Deputy or designee and in accordance with Procedure 500.21: Dignitary Protection.
2. Security escorts are not ordinarily provided to employees or owners of business establishments for purposes of depositing funds in financial institutions. The patrol shift supervisor authorizes requests for security escorts.

D. Funeral Escorts

1. All funeral escorts are coordinated by the district lieutenant and conducted by deputies unless specifically approved by a supervisor.
2. Obtain the following information when a funeral escort request is made:
 - a. Time and date of the escort
 - b. Beginning location
 - c. Destination
 - d. Name of the funeral home, telephone number and name of the contact person
 - e. Approximate number of vehicles in the procession.
3. Upon receipt of a funeral escort request, the district lieutenant or designee contacts the requesting party and notifies them of the approval or denial of the

request. Funeral escort requests made with less than a 24-hour notice are only considered if personnel are available. No funeral escorts are conducted outside of Hendry County or on routes solely in the jurisdiction of another law enforcement agency without prior approval of the district lieutenant.

4. The senior deputy or a supervisor assigned to the escort detail contacts the funeral director and determines the escort route.
5. The deputy in charge of the escort attempts to ensure there are no construction zones, detours, crashes or road blockages along the chosen route; plan for alternate routes.

E. Oversized Loads/Hazardous Materials

1. All requests to escort an oversized load or hazardous materials are coordinated by the district lieutenant and conducted by deputies unless specifically approved by a supervisor.

DEFINITIONS

Funeral Escorts – Funeral escorts must be requested by a representative of the firm or organization requesting the escort. Deputies escorting a funeral procession shall adhere to all statutory requirements as provided in Florida Statute 316.1974.

REFERENCES

State/Federal Regulations:

Florida Statute 316.1974

CFA:

CFA Standard 18.09

Forms:

None

Other Policy/ Procedure References:

500.21 Dignitary Protection